

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

APRIL 2, 1880.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. WITHERS, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. 672.]

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 672) granting a pension to Abram F. Farrar, first lieutenant Company F, Thirty-fifth Indiana Volunteers, have carefully examined the same, and report:*

That Lieutenant Farrar's application for pension was rejected, because the records furnish no evidence of the alleged disability, and the claimant was unable to furnish evidence connecting his alleged disability with his military service.

The disability at present existing, as shown by the report of the board of examining surgeons, is complete paraplegia, or paralysis of the lower extremities, rendering him entirely helpless.

It appears from the testimony on file that the claimant was an unusually robust and active man and efficient officer until 1862, when he had a violent and protracted attack of typhoid fever, testified to by his captain, who was also an eminent physician, and his testimony is sustained by that of the adjutant of the regiment, a lieutenant of his company, and several other officers.

Abundant proof is filed showing treatment for pain in the region of the spine, from the date of his discharge to the present time, and that the evidence of spinal disease increased in severity until complete paralysis supervened.

The want of record of hospital treatment is explained by the fact that Lieutenant Farrar was in private quarters during his illness with typhoid fever, which is established by credible witnesses.

The committee, believing that the paralysis was the result of the disease contracted in service, recommend the passage of the bill.

